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The Munn House
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Chatham, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owner: Susanna L. and John P. Munn

Date of Erection: Before 1845

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone on older
portion, brick on later section

Exterior walls - frame construction, clapboards

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch on main with flat
pitch on later section

Historical Data:

A reconstructed map of Chatham for the year 1845 which is in Philower shows a house on this site; a revolutionary map in the same book does not indicate any. Beers' Atlas of Morris County for the year 1868 shows a house on this site owned by S. Muchmore.

Apparently, the land upon which this house stands was originally part of a tract assembled by William Day.

Foster Day and Susanna, his wife, the executors of William Day, sold a tract of about one hundred acres to Charles and William H. Spencer in 1830 retaining about half an acre containing the old homestead then occupied by Nancy Day, the wife of William Day. This old homestead is shown on the revolutionary map as being near the Passaic river on what was then the Kings highway, present Main street. William Spencer transferred in 1836 what was apparently his share to Charles Spencer, for we find that in April 1848 Phebe Young purchased about one hundred acres from the executors of the estate of Major Stephen Young. This deed mentions that the tract was formerly owned by Charles Spencer. From Phebe Young the property passed in 1852 to Elias B. Sturges. Sturges sold in 1868 to Smith Muchmore whose name appears on the map in Beers' Atlas.

In February 1882 there is a deed from Sheriff Mc Davit to Frederick R. Conder and others and this mentions the property as being conveyed to Phebe C. Muchmore by John J. in 1874. Several transfers are recorded between that date and 1909 when the property came into the possession of John P. Munn, the husband of Susanna.

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